

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 35 with the following:

Additionally or alternatively, said convex areas or protrusions, said concave areas or recesses and/or said embedded material portions are respectively essentially identical, have a essential linear extension and/or are disposed equally spaced and ~~parallelly~~are parallel to each other. Preferably, said concave areas or recesses of said grating bulk material and/or said embedded material portions are filled with a filling material. Preferably, said filling material has a ~~diffraction~~refractive index which is different from a ~~diffraction~~refractive index of said grating bulk material.